

Tree Officer
Cotswold District Council
Council Offices,
Trinity Road
Cirencester
GL7 1PX

26 July 2022

Our Reference: 15598 / 68259

Dear Sir/ Madam

**RE: Objection to Cotswold District Council Tree Preservation Order TPO
No. 22/00005/IND Waterfront Tea Room, Victoria Street, Bourton on the Water
Gloucestershire, 2022**

I have been instructed Mrs H Kemp landlord of the Waterfront Tea Room, Victoria Street, Bourton on the Water to provide an objection to the above Tree Preservation Order in accordance with regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

It is recognised that the objection has been provided after the deadline of 19th July stated in the notification letter dated 21st June 2022, but it has been agreed with the Tree Officer Justin Hobbs that the objection will be considered prior to the determination of the confirmation of the Order.

The objection is in relation to the serving of a tree preservation order on the early mature American Walnut located on the eastern boundary of the property.

I attended site on 21st July 2022, met with tenant of the restaurant and tea rooms and carried out a unaccompanied site inspection. At the time, the tenant indicated that the floor of the tearoom required repair as it is being pushed up however, she confirmed that no investigations into the cause of the damage had been undertaken to confirm if tree roots are responsible.

Setting

The Tea Room is adjacent to, and has a shared boundary and front garden/ serving area with, the Rose Tree Restaurant, a Grade II listed building (List No. 1088714). The continuous boundary consists of a low stone wall surmounted by iron hoop top railings with a pedestrian access to the north and matching pedestrian gate to the southeast (photograph 1)

The area to the front of the tea room and restaurant is paved with pennant stones and has a raised seating area and low retaining wall around the base of the tree. The paving and boundary feature is in keeping with the Conservation Area and setting of the listed building.

